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Ci-joint un communiqué pour BTNX

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Hi everyone,

In a similar vein, please find attached a [draft](#) statement from BTNX regarding their Rapid Response Antigen assay. No anticipated impact so far.

Best,
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Subject: [FYI]: Omicron Variant Mutations - Panbio and ID NOW

Hello,

Please see email below from Manitoba's Abbott representative for rapid diagnostics, in regard to the Omicron variant mutations and the Abbott Panbio and ID Now.

<https://www.abbott.com/corpnewsroom/diagnostics-testing/monitoring-covid-variants-to-ensure-test-effectiveness.html>

Through [Abbott's Pandemic Defense Coalition](#), we have a network of research, academic and public health collaborators strategically placed around the world that are actively sequencing viruses to look for the next viral threat including COVID variants. Having this established

network allows for the quick sharing of new information and the ability to provide samples quickly – within days rather than the typical weeks or months – so we can verify our tests. We are actively engaged with our partner in South Africa on Omicron. This type of global collaboration is critical to fighting these variants and the pandemic.

We also have an entire team of Abbott scientists dedicated to monitoring COVID-19 variants. To date, we have carefully analyzed over 1.4 million sequences from 63 different variants and none have impacted the ability of our diagnostic tests to detect the virus. And as soon as the Omicron sequence was made available, our scientists worked non-stop to evaluate it and determined the mutations would not impact the ability of our rapid and PCR tests to detect it.

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